



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### YOUTH ART MONTH

- WHEREAS: The study of art fosters a greater understanding of our culture and history, while offering respite to the minds and souls of individuals of all ages; and
- WHEREAS: Through their unique training and visual acuity, art educators expose students and patrons to new and innovative methods by which to experience art; and
- WHEREAS: Art is a valuable educational tool that benefits a child's overall academic experience. As such, it is important to introduce Georgia's children and youth to the study and application of art; and
- WHEREAS: Evolving society requires physical and philosophical knowledge that can be heightened by an appreciation of the arts, from visual and performing to literary and folk art; and
- WHEREAS: The National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Georgia Art Education Association, strives to improve the well-being of our communities by enhancing visual and aesthetic awareness and by promoting the cultural vitality of our state and nation as a whole; and
- WHEREAS: During Youth Art Month, educators, organizations, and individuals around the state promote artistic expression and art education and celebrate this year's theme, "Happy"; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as YOUTH ART MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF